

# University of Oxford



Latin: Universitas Oxoniensis  
Motto: Dominus Illuminatio Mea (Latin)  
Motto in English: The Lord is my Light  
Established: Unknown, teaching existed since 1096[2]  
Type: Public  
Endowment: £3.6 billion (inc. colleges)[3]  
Chancellor: The Rt Hon. Lord Patten of Barnes  
Vice-Chancellor: Dr John Hood  
Students: 19,486[4]  
Undergraduates: 11,300[4]  
Postgraduates: 7,380[4]  
Location: Oxford, England, UK  
Colours: Oxford Blue[5]

Affiliations: IARU  
Russell Group  
Coimbra Group  
Europaeum  
EUA  
LERU  
'Golden Triangle'  
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# History

The expulsion of foreigners from the University of Paris in 1167 caused many English scholars to return from France and settle in Oxford. The historian Gerald of Wales lectured to the scholars in 1188, and the first known foreign scholar, Emo of Friesland arrived in 1190. The head of the University was named a chancellor from 1201, and the masters were recognised as a universitas or corporation in 1231. The students associated together, on the basis of geographical origins, into two “nations”, representing the North (including the Scots) and the South (including the Irish and the Welsh). In later centuries, geographical origins continued to influence many students' affiliations when membership of a college or hall became customary in Oxford. Members of many religious orders, including Dominicans, Franciscans, Carmelites, and Augustinians, settled in Oxford in the mid-13th century, gained influence, and maintained houses for students.



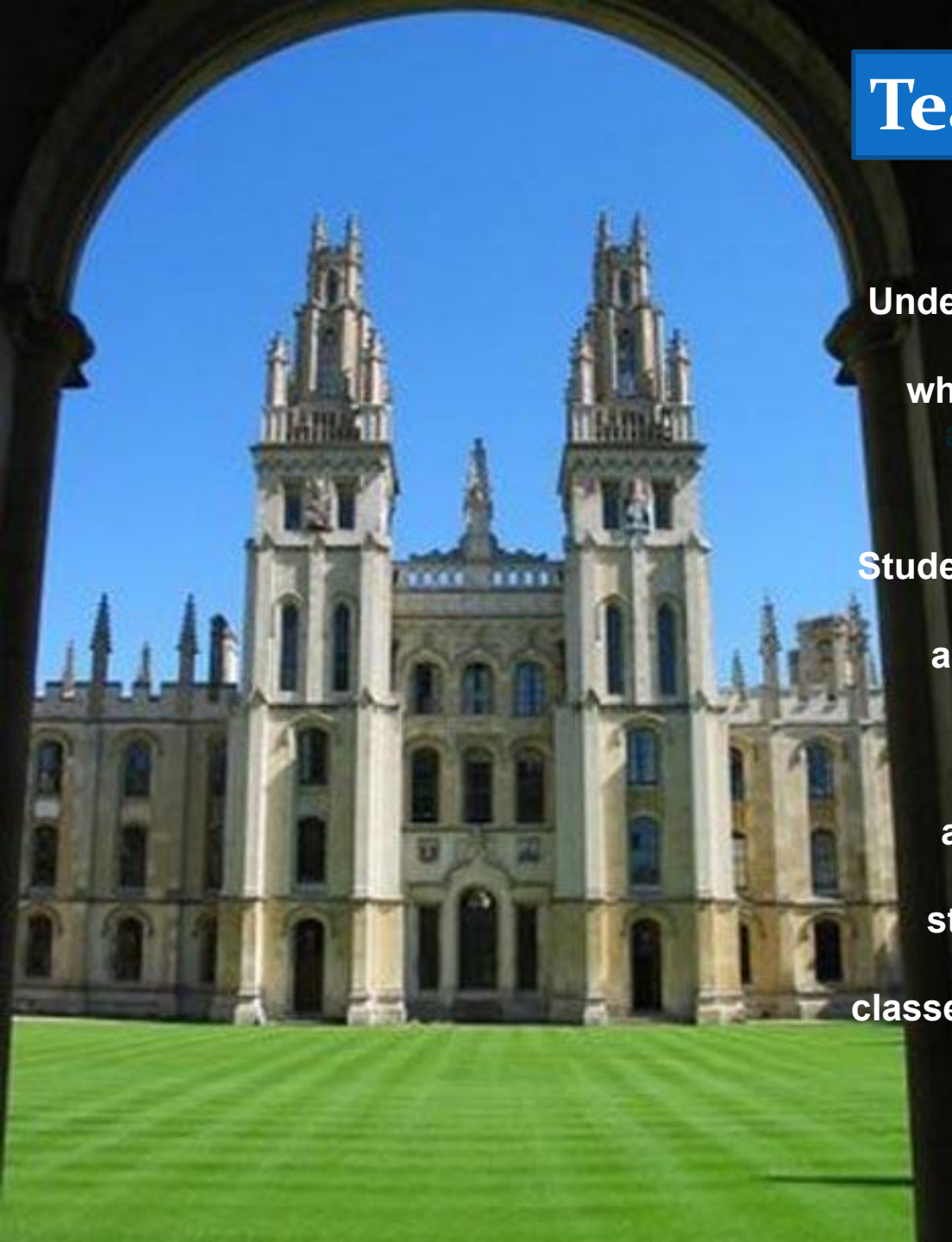








# Teaching and degrees



Undergraduate teaching is centred upon the tutorial, where 1-4 students spend an hour with an academic discussing their week's work, usually an essay (arts) or problem sheet (sciences). Students usually have around two tutorials a week, and can be taught by academics at any other college - not just their own - as expertise and personnel requires. These tutorials are complemented by lectures, classes and seminars, which are organised on a departmental basis. Graduate students undertaking taught degrees are usually instructed through classes and seminars, though naturally there is more focus upon individual research.

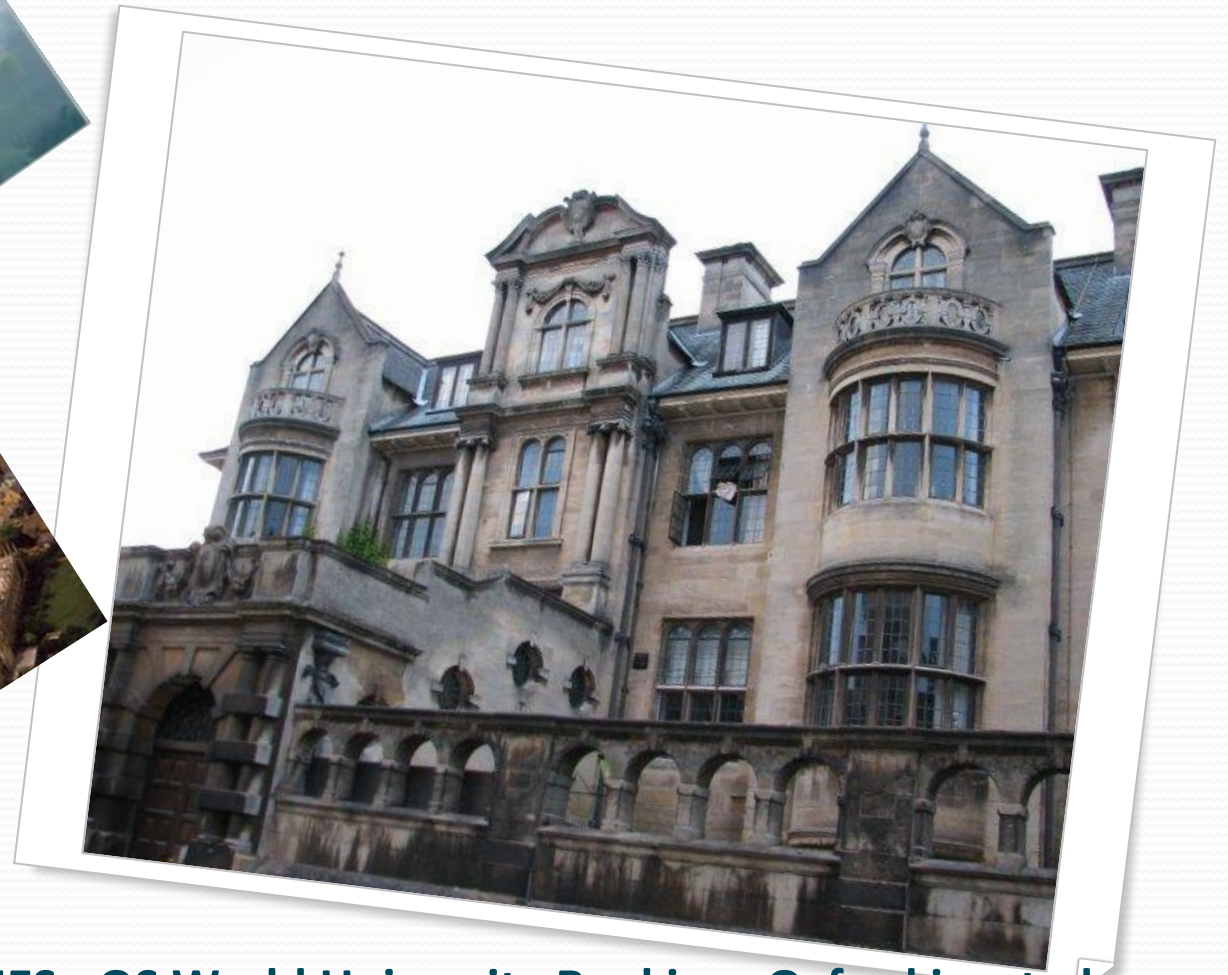
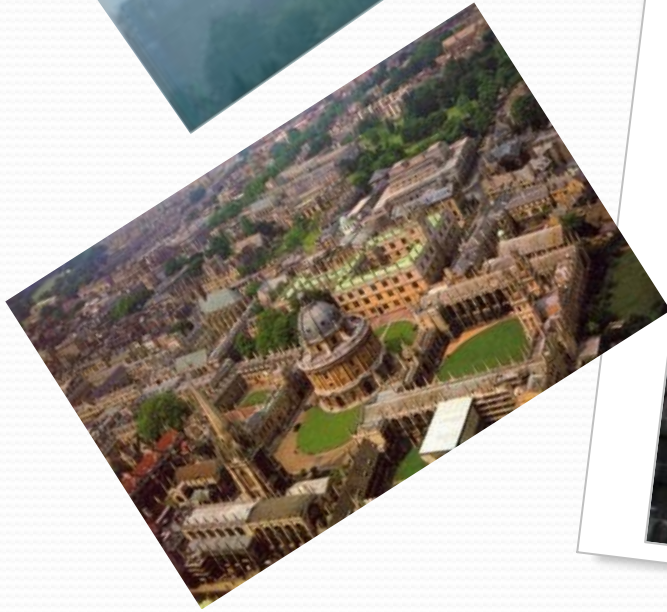












**According to the 2008 THES - QS World University Rankings Oxford is rated 4th in the world, behind Harvard, Yale and Cambridge, making it the 2nd best university in Europe**

William Gladstone,  
Herbert Asquith,  
Clement Attlee,  
Harold Macmillan,  
Harold Wilson,  
Margaret Thatcher  
Tony Blair

Harald V of Norway  
Abdullah II of Jordan  
John Gorton  
Malcolm Fraser  
Bob Hawke  
Manmohan Singh  
Indira Gandhi  
Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto  
Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan  
Norman Washington Manley  
Theodore Geisel,  
Evelyn Waugh,  
Lewis Carroll  
Aldous Huxley  
Oscar Wilde





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